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1. Dr. Dasehbeck, who is being employed by the Russians for research on guided missiles and target-homing devices has been concentrating his efforts on the "Hansa" 1a and "Hansa" 1b. The steering gear of these missiles has apparently been perfected following earlier unsatisfactory results.
2. Much effort is also being devoted by the Russians (and their German experts) to the improvement of the "Schmetterling", but they are handicapped by the lack of Brigg instruments and "Klapper" and "Klapperstorch" apparatus, formerly built by Siemens & Halske.
3. During August 1946 the Russians secured the minutes of certain German meetings which took place during the war at which the above-mentioned and the other projectiles were discussed. The Russians are now searching for the persons who attended the meetings. They have appointed Senior Lt. Lobbedien as liaison officer in connection with these searching activities. He has recently appeared in various sectors of Berlin wearing civilian clothes.
4. Dr. Schirmacher's recent short visit to Berlin from London was known to the Russians in advance and they expressed regret that they were unable to contact him on that occasion.
5. The Russians have been looking for Dr. Gussmann, expert in the field of secret weapons, but it is not known whether they have contacted him yet.
6. Twenty-six firms in the Russian zone of Germany are said to be connected with the V-2 production program. Zeiss, Jena, is working on steering apparatus and switch gear (the factory is employing 26,000 workers as compared with 18,000 in April 1946). Apart from the Nordhausen works, important factories are also situated at Trottendorf (Ergebirge) and Kissenach.

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